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Timely Tidbits ...

Flag Sale Benefits RHS Athletics

Karen McGillis, vice-president of Romulus High School's Athletic Club, has announced that the group is selling "Romulus Eagles" flags to raise funds for the school's athletic department.

The attractive flags are available at any athletic event or in the High School's athletics office for a cost of \$12.

For more information, call the High School: 941-2170.

"Romulus Day" at the Palace

Cory Elementary School's "Expect the Best" program will be helping to host a "Romulus Day at the Palace in Auburn Hills" fundraising program on Sunday, March 1, at 6 p.m.

Highlights of the afternoon will include "Expect the Best" students singing the National Anthem under the direction of choir directors Stephanie Webb and Shila Cofield, and (following the game between the Detroit Vipers and the Indianapolis Icercs hockey teams) an hour of skating for everyone who brings their own skates to the game.

Tickets for the event are \$8 each, and are available at Cory Elementary School (35200 Smith). Bus transportation will be provided for holders of tickets purchased before February 24.

For more information, please contact Angelique Jumper ("Expect the Best" site coordinator) or Pearl Wilson ("Expect the Best" program coordinator) at 721-4757.

Chili Cookoff/Euchre

You don't have to be a member of the Romulus High School Alumni Association to participate in the organization's 6th annual Chili Cookoff and Euchre Tournament, set for Saturday, February 28, in Rooms 507 and 508 at the High School. For more information, please contact Marge Bergman, Alumni Association Coordinator, at either 941-0610 (days) or 326-0889 (evenings). □

Bennett Introduces Bill Which Would Eliminate Residency Requirements

Municipal employees could live in the municipality of their choice under a bill recently introduced by State Senator Loren Bennett (R-Canton Township).

Under Senate Bill 878, which would amend the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act (an act which states that discriminatory practices relating to public employment are prohibited), public employees would no longer be restricted to living within a city, township, or village boundary as a condition of employment.

"It is a person's basic civil right to live where they choose, regardless of their place of employment," Bennett said. "Employees such as firefighters or police officers should not be restricted by their employer as to where they might live and raise a family."

Several police and firefighter groups agree.

"It is time for all citizens of the State of Michigan to be afforded their civil rights," said Tom Schneider, executive director of the Michigan Police Legislative Council. "What should be of importance to any employer is the job performance of the individuals and whether or not they consistently show up for work on time – not where they live."

"Public employees should *not* have to go to the back of the bus when it comes to quality-of-life decisions," he concluded.

SB 878 now moves to committee for discussion.

Bills Consolidating School Elections Approved by Senate

State Senators Bennett and George McManus (R-Traverse City) report that a three-bill package, aimed at increasing voter turnout when school board seats and school issues are on the ballot, has been approved by the Senate.

"We need to make it more convenient for parents to exercise their right to vote on important educational issues," Bennett said. "Decisions concerning who serves on a school board and what ballot questions will be adopted should not be made by a small segment of the community."

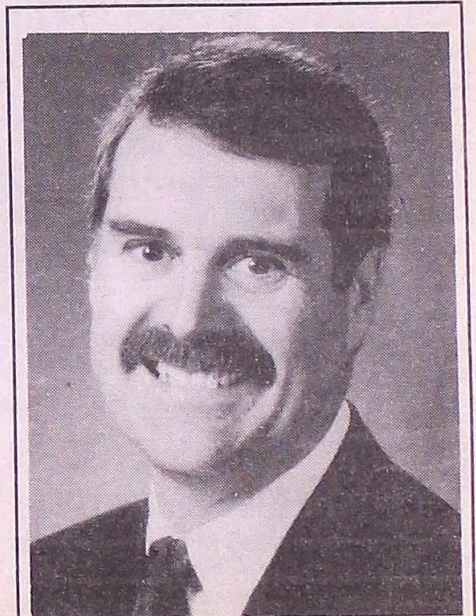
Since 1995, voter turnout for school elections in Wayne County has reflected a Statewide trend toward ultra-low numbers – an estimated 4.45% in one Wayne County school district alone. In McManus' northern Michigan area, several dis-

tricts experienced turnout of less than three percent.

"When school elections are held separately, voter turnout is abysmally low," McManus said. "By combining them with local and State elections, we anticipate drawing more people to the polls and increasing public input. Elections should be held at a time to cultivate turnout, not circumvent it."

The package of bills – Senate Bills 202, 207, and 224 – would consolidate school elections to the first Tuesday following the first Monday in April, the August primary, and the November general election. Schools would also be allowed to hold elections simultaneously with local government elections.

"The involvement of parents and other community members is important in creating successful schools," Bennett said. "This legislation makes sense and



Senator Loren Bennett

is important for the good of our children."

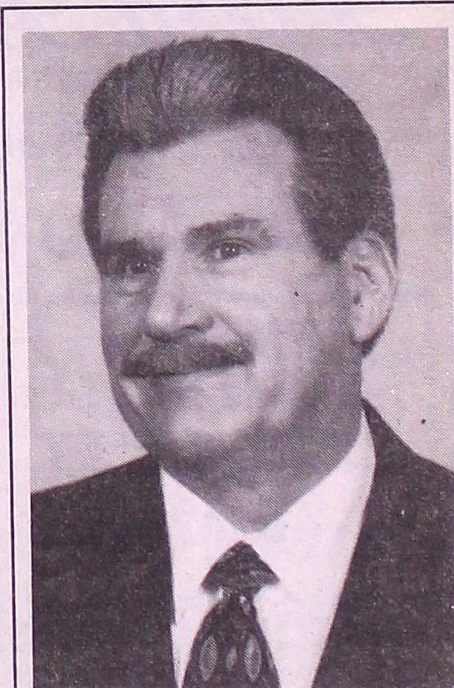
Representative Basham Sponsors Mineral Well Bill

The House of Representatives recently passed legislation sponsored by State Representative Ray Basham (D-Taylor) to oversee the State's mineral wells program.

The legislation increases the permit application fees, establishes annual use fees, and funds a regulatory agency to monitor waste disposal wells and brine storage, disposal, and production wells.

"We have not had the ability to regularly monitor the safety of these wells because of revenue shortfalls in the program," Basham said. "With this new fee schedule, we will have the industry's cooperation in assuring that the wells meet the environmental standards of our community."

Under Basham's proposal, operators of nonbrine disposal wells would pay permit application and annual fees of \$2,500. All other well operators would pay \$500. The projected revenues generated by new fees would equal approximately \$136,500 annually. The funds would be used to hire two and a half full-time employees (FTEs) responsible for overseeing the State's 172 mineral wells.



Representative Ray Basham

"This bill protects our citizens from the environmental hazards posed by some of these facilities," Basham said. "The quality of our groundwater affects every aspect of our lives, and therefore deserves the oversight that this legislation offers."

Guest Commentary

Tax Break for Michigan Students

By State Senator Loren Bennett

With the price of college tuition rising over recent years, many students are struggling to keep pace with the high cost of a college education. A tuition tax credit, which I sponsored, can help to offset some of this cost; unfortunately, however, many people are unaware that they may be eligible for this tax break.

The tax credit offers colleges and universities – both public and private – an incentive to cap tuition increases at or below the rate of inflation (currently around three percent). Students at schools that adhere to this ceiling (or their parents) would be eligible to receive the credit. This year, the maximum credit was raised from \$250 to \$375 per student, per year. That's an annual \$23-million tax cut for Michigan families.

According to the Michigan Department of Treasury, 38 Michigan schools have qualified for this tax credit for the 1997 tax year. That is extremely welcome news for the thousands of Michigan students struggling to pay for a college education.

Students at the following schools are eligible for the credit.

Public universities: Central Michigan; Grand Valley State; Lake Superior State; Michigan State; Michigan Technological University; Northern Michigan; Saginaw Valley State; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and Dearborn campuses; and Wayne State.

Community colleges: Bay De Noc; Delta; Grand Rapids; Jackson; Mid-Michigan; Mott; North Central; Northwestern Michigan; Oakland; Schoolcraft; Washtenaw; and Wayne County.

Private colleges: Alma; Aquinas; Cleary; Concordia; Davenport; Detroit College of Business; Great Lakes; Hillsdale; Kendall College of Art & Design; Northwood University; Olivet; Reformed Bible; Spring Arbor; and William Tyndale.

This record number of schools is an admirable accomplishment. Real, long-term savings and affordable education will only come with colleges and universities keeping tuition costs down.

To see if you qualify for the tuition tax credit, see your Michigan Department of Treasury Tax Guide or contact your local tax consultant. □

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Makowski Among Basham's Capitol Scholars for January



(From left) Representative Ray Basham, Mimma Vitale, Charles Makowski, and Amanda Lauber.

Romulus High School student Charles Makowski was one of three students selected as January's "Capitol Scholars" by State Representative Ray Basham (D-Taylor). Basham invited Makowski, Mimma Vitale of Taylor's Kennedy High School, and Amanda Lauber of Taylor's Truman High to join him in

Lansing on January 28 to be mentored in the State's political process.

"These students are the future of Michigan government," said Basham. "If we can stimulate their interest now, chances are good that it will grow as they do, leading them to become more involved, responsible citizens." □

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By Rikki Strobos

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"I'm not here to get rich quick; I'm here to make a decent living for me and my family, and to provide a good repair service for this town," explained Ted, a Romulus High School graduate, who, at age 34, has almost two decades of experience in automotive repair.

Ted said that there were several factors which led him to open his business at its new location.

"I've got the best corner in a town that's on the grow," he smiled. "The fact that Romulus is also my home town gave me all the more reason to put down my business roots here. I'm proud that I can offer my community a much-needed service, and I'm thankful for all the support that I've been given in return, especially from people like Mr. Fred Hay and establishments like Romulus Auto Supply."

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Students Win 82 Medals at Solo/Ensemble Festival



Amy Bowman (violin solo)

When 56 Romulus Middle School students performed at the District Solo and Ensemble Festival – held at Livonia Franklin High School on January 31 – they won a total of 82 medals, with 12 groups earning the coveted First Division rating, 20 garnering Second Division marks, and six receiving Third Division ratings.

Those students were:

Division I (all "A"s)

Elizabeth Caburet and Andrew Rodger (clarinet duet); Amy Bowman (violin solo).

Division I (four "A"s and one "B")

Jerome Gray and Anson Long (baritone duet); Andrea Gibson and Jasmine Mark (alto clarinet/alto saxophone duet).

Division I (three "A"s and two "B"s)

Krystal Jackson and Lindsay Redding (clarinet duet); Krystal Jackson, Steve Potoczek, and Lindsay Redding (clarinet trio); Tiffany Burrell, Elizabeth Caburet, Andrea Gibson, and Andrew Rodger (clarinet quartet); Miranda Burns and Jasmine Mark (alto saxophone duet); Paul Adkins, Mark Barnes, Jasmine Mark, and Amelia McCray (saxophone quartet); David Boyd and Taritonye Burutolu (trombone duet); David Boyd and Rubens Paillere (trombone duet); David Boyd, Taritonye Burutolu, and Rubens Paillere (trombone trio).

Division II Ratings

Tiffany Burrell and Marcia Todd (bass clarinet duet); Nicole Bills and Deanna Hunter (clarinet duet); Kendall Duncan and Lindsay Redding (clarinet duet); Kendall Duncan, Krystal Jackson, and Lindsay Redding (clarinet trio); Ryan

Boyd and Akeem Martin (cornet duet); Sarah Barnard, Ryan Boyd, and Akeem Martin (cornet trio); Dana Noble and Michael Sandusky (flute duet); Brittany Bingham, Kristen Brooks, and Michael Sandusky (flute trio); Cathy Brennan, Kristen Brooks, and Jessica May (flute trio); Amy Bowman and Angela Zajac (French horn duet); Amy Bowman, Jennifer Camilleri, and Angela Zajac (French horn trio); Rachel Broom and Deanna Hunter (oboe duet); Rashad Best and Miranda Burns (alto saxophone duet); Rashad Best, Miranda Burns, and Curtis Jackson (alto saxophone trio); Della Hamby and Stephanie Stillwagon (snare drum duet); Tasha Mullins and Emily Schultz (trombone duet); Dominique Daniels, Tasha Mullins, and Emily Schultz (trombone trio); Eric Decker, Emily Schultz, and Matt Slater (trombone trio); Cortney Daniels and Bridgette Miller (tuba duet); Leah Cotham, Cortney Daniels, and Bridgette Miller (tuba trio).

Division III Ratings

Scott Blackburn and Joe Rhode (cornet duet); Jennifer Case and Katie Kortas (cornet duet); Chanel Greer and Shahidah Hasan (cornet duet); Scott Blackburn, Chanel Greer, and Shahidah Hasan (cornet trio); Sara Hankins and



Elizabeth Caburet & Andrew Rodger (clarinet duet)

Dana Noble (flute duet); Paul Adkins, Mark Barnes, and Jasmine Mark (alto saxophone trio).

Some Congratulations, Thanks

RMS Band Director Richard Kruse would like to congratulate his students on their fine performance, and to thank the dedicated parents who made time to transport the students to and from the competition. □



Anson Long & Jerome Gray (baritone duet)



Jasmine Mark & Miranda Burns (alto sax duet)



Jasmine Mark & Andrea Gibson (alto sax/alto clarinet duet)



Steve Potoczek & Krystal Jackson (clarinet trio with Lindsay Redding, not pictured)



Rubens Paillere, Taritonye Burutolu, & David Boyd (trombone trio)



Elizabeth Caburet, Andrew Rodger, Andrea Gibson, & Tiffany Burrell (clarinet quartet)



Mark Barnes, Jasmine Mark, & Amelia McCray (sax quartet with Paul Adkins, not pictured)

Community Calendar

- **"Untapped Miracles for Tapped-out Christians"** – From February 21 through April 12, the Community United Methodist Church of Romulus will join churches worldwide in working on a 50-day "spiritual adventure" designed to help tapped-out Christians tap into God's miracles. Entitled "Untapped Miracles for Tapped-out Christians: Spectacular Energy Sources for the Body of Christ," this spiritual-growth event focuses on eight weekly themes: finding tension's good side, the "24/7" church, Christian hospitality, pulpit/pew mutual support, prayer with fasting, telling our stories, the wider kingship, and the living Christ. For more information about this global event and what it has to offer to both children and adults, please contact Reverend Brad Lewis, Pastor, at 941-0736.
- **Final Day for Little League Registration** – Romulus Little League Baseball will accept final registrations for its 1998 season at the Romulus Recreation Department office (located at 36515 Bibbins) on Saturday, February 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$25 per individual or \$40 per family. (Note: All players must sell two cases of candy or pay \$50 extra.) To register youths ages five to 18 (player's age as of July 31, 1998), a parent or guardian must bring an original birth certificate and proof of residence, along with the entire registration fee. No Little League property will be issued without full payment. Fund-raising money turned in by April 3 earns a bonus! For information, call either the Little League office (955-6204), Julie (941-6797), Debbie (942-9261), or Jeannette (941-6147).
- **Bowling Night Will Raise Money for Flyers** – The Romulus Flyers Football League will host a bowling-night benefit at Woodhaven Lanes (20000 Van Horn; 675-3554) on Saturday, February 21, beginning at 10 p.m. The \$15-per-person donation includes three games of bowling (with free shoes), pizza, and door prizes. For ticket information, call Dan or Jeannette (941-6147).
- **"Colors in Books" Is the Theme of Preschool Storytime** – The Romulus Public Library's storytime program – intended for three- to five-year-old children who are ready for independent listening but are not yet in kindergarten – will begin its free winter/spring season of stories, games, and crafts at the Library (11121 Wayne Road, next to City Hall) later this month. Parents can choose between Tuesday evening sessions (7 p.m. from February 24 through March 30) or Thursday morning sessions (10:30 a.m. February 26 through April 1). Space is limited; preregistration is required. For information, call the Library (942-7589) during its normal business hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- **Crafters Wanted** – Romulus High School's Class of 1998 will host a Spring Thing Fling Craft Show in the High School cafeteria on Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Funds raised from the event will be used to offset the cost of various senior-class activities. Interested crafters can purchase table space for \$25; registration will be limited to the first 100 applicants. For more information, please call Rosalie Berlinn (941-2170, ext. 162) or Lynne Cadden (ext. 149).
- **Banquet Will Honor Ron Hopson, Person of the Year** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to attend its 18th annual Person of the Year awards banquet to honor Ron Hopson of Franklin Life Insurance on Friday, March 20, at the Royce Hotel (31500 Wick Road, Romulus). A \$30-per-person donation must be paid at the Chamber office no later than March 11. For more information, call Karan Johnson at 326-4290.

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Write the word(s) that fits definition #1 into the correspondingly numbered box. Next, drop one letter and anagram (rearrange) the remaining letters to find the answer to definition #2. Perform the same drop-a-letter/anagram procedure on word #2 to arrive at the answer to definition #3. Place the first dropped letter in the space to the left of answer #1 and the second in the space to the right of answer #3. Repeat this process on each line of the puzzle. If the puzzle is done correctly, the dropped letters, read from top to bottom, will spell out some timely phrases.

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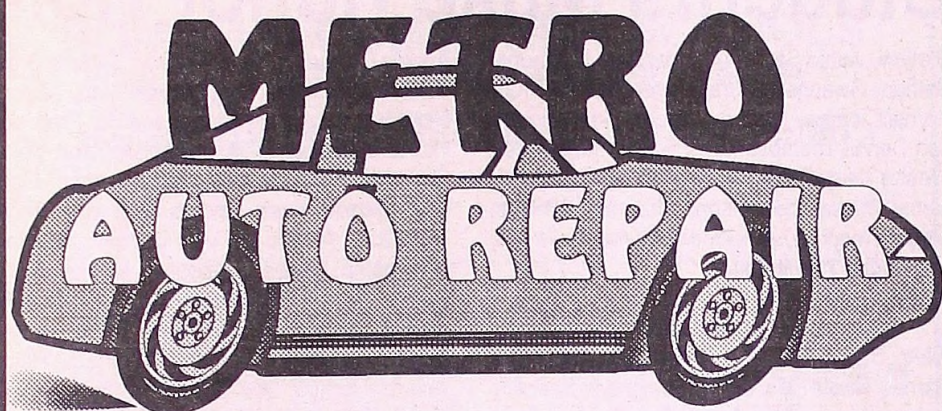
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| 1. Certain muscles | 19. Momentous, as significant events of the past |
| 2. The <i>Iliad</i> and the <i>Odyssey</i> , for example | 20. Flightless bird |
| 3. These come in varieties such as apple and cherry | 21. Dumas' <i>Count of Monte</i> _____ |
| 4. Physicians | 22. Relatively unusual pitching style |
| 5. Coffin-carrying vehicle | 23. Esteem; respect |
| 6. Remove all traces of | 24. Intended; proposed |
| 7. Responsible | 25. Tolerate; bear |
| 8. Falsely and maliciously damage a person's reputation (in writing) | 26. Arabian coffees |
| 9. City Councilman Wadsworth | 27. Abyss |
| 10. Certain proofreading symbols | 28. Nocturnal wildcat |
| 11. Fall flower | 29. Enclose in a private room, as for secretive discussion |
| 12. John Steinbeck's _____ of Eden | 30. Welshmen or Cornishmen, for example |
| 13. Fate | 31. Come about; happen |
| 14. Objects; articles | 32. Food-storage areas |
| 15. Stalk | 33. A language of Iran |
| 16. Learned person | 34. Juveniles |
| 17. Songs of praise or joy | 35. Scream |
| 18. Reddish-orange hue | 36. Quaker pronoun |

For solution, see page 7

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "CULTURE"

How many words of four or more letters can you form using only the letters in CULTURE? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Proper nouns, obsolete and archaic words, poetic words, slang, hyphenated words, contractions, and foreign words are not permitted.

Our list of 18 words can be found on page 7



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Each school will be holding a "Jump Rope for Heart" event during the month of March, with Barth's and Merriman's on the 12th, Cory's on the 13th, and

Halecreek's on the 18th. Students will win exciting prizes and raise money to benefit the American Heart Association's fight against heart disease. The program is sponsored by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

Jump Rope for Heart teaches participants about the benefits of a healthy life-style – including proper nutrition, regular exercise, and the importance of not smoking – while promoting teamwork and building school spirit.

Please support our children as they Jump Rope for Heart. Contact one of the following physical-education teachers if you would like to make a donation and/or volunteer to help, or if you have any questions about the event.

- Sheila Stasak (Barth): 941-2821,
- Gayle Millspaugh (Cory): 721-4757,
- Bill Baum (Halecreek): 941-0536, or
- Pat McCollum (Merriman): 941-6900.

ANSWERS

answers to puzzles from page 6
LEAPFROG:

- 1) biceps; 2) epics; 3) pies
- 4) healers; 5) hearse; 6) erase
- 7) liable; 8) libel; 9) Bill
- 10) carets; 11) aster; 12) East
- 13) kismet; 14) items; 15) stem
- 16) scholar; 17) carols; 18) coral
- 19) historic; 20) ostrich; 21) Cristo
- 22) sidearm; 23) admire; 24) aimed
- 25) stomach; 26) mochas; 27) chasm
- 28) ocelot; 29) closet; 30) Celts
- 31) transpire; 32) pantries; 33) Persian
- 34) youths; 35) shout; 36) thou

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Elementary, Middle School Students Make Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students who made the honor roll during the second marking period of the 1997-1998 school year.

Barth Elementary School

(Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.)

Mrs. Gursky's Class (Fifth Grade)

Kursha Bradford, *Michael Capelli, Anica Coate, Ashley Gorkiewicz, Elyse Hooks, Devin Kemp, William Kolar, Julian Mitchell, Anjelique Moss, Christina Rocker, Jennifer Shelton, Avery Stephenson, Olivia Sylvester, and Natalie Watt.

Mr. Watson's Class (Fifth Grade)

*Jasmine Bennett, Stephanie Bishop, Michael Dotson, *Jennifer Goss, Kevin Hamilton, Paris Hawkins, Devony Kelbassa, Andrea Redding, *Jessica Shelton, Dante Williams, William Williams, and Ryan Witherow.

Mrs. Reott's Class (Sixth Grade)

Heather Bishop, *Carla Broom, Jessica Case, Jeff Crampton, Fallon Dailey, Karrah Duncan, Peter Elam, Ryan Ellis, Jessica Frost, Christopher Gamache, Stacey Gilbert, Sarah Herbert, *Josiah Jendritz, Angela Lewis, *Richard Martin, Kristi Rice, Britany Sawdy, Patricia Sucharski, *Jon Taylor, and Kristen Townsend.

Mr. Watson's Class (Sixth Grade)

Lauren Block, Jeffery Clay, Felicia Dailey, James Elam, Aaron Harden, Patrick McCollum, *Suzanne Nehila, Lauren Romak, Cali Trevorrow, Molly Tuttle, Thomas Watt, and Samantha Youtsey.

Cory Elementary School

(Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.)

Mr. Blackburn's Class

Stacey Clarke, Shaenna Kettlewell, Mark Wheeler, and Kiera Wilson.

Ms. English's Class

Lauren Belle, Shamartha Chapman, Doloris Garry, Nicole Goodman, Alan Huguley, Anne Ross, and Stephanie Schultz.

Ms. Gilkey's Class

Delilah Brennan, Matthew Carr, Monica Cox, Carolyn Moore, and Ian Vaughn.

Ms. Miller's Class

Monika Burgess, Teela Carroll, Lauryn Farkas, Jodi Schultz, Paul Vallade, and Kim Wilson.

Ms. Pluff's Class

Jason Burnette, Nicole Carroll, *Aleshia Fawthrop, Rebecca LaBo, Nicholas Lewis, *Aurielle McCauley, Ryann Norfleet, Justin Wasiak, and Theresa Windom.

Ms. Price's Class

Yetunde Emanuel, Nicole Klages, Tiffany Penn, and Marlay Watt.

Mr. Smith's Class

Kim Atkins, Joshua Brown, Theresa Chadwick, *Carissa Drobil, Jessica Deverich, Dominique Kersey, Corie McKendry, Bryant Mosely, Rebecca Oros, *Jamie Ross, Karron Smith, and *Ryan Tackett.

Ms. Walker's Class

Ahmad Caldwell, *Damien Harris, and Melissa Hubbard.

Ms. Walter's Class

Atari Burutolu, Tiffany Claiborne, *Megan Crozier, Jacob Frushour, Jessica Moore, Tamara Mrazik, *Arlenne Savage, Sarah Varga, and Antonia Walker.

Wick Elementary School

(Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.)

Third Grade

Shon Aggison, *Andrew Boyd, Joshua Dew, *Jessica Dick, *Jennifer Dick, Cortez Dyess, Jacob Eggers, Jaclyn Evanski, Demaryst Garwood, Tatiana Gray, Quintin Gregory, Carrie Hampton, Jonathon Hensley, Michael Honto, Heather Kish, *Brandi McGoldrick, Brie McGoldrick, Ashley Pardon, Cherica Peoples, Darius Price, Darrius Pringle, Richard Remelius, Vanessa Russell, Dwight Sadler, *Alex Sampson, Monay Smith, Kandice Wells, Justin White, Shakita Wilson, and *Brittany Wright.

Fourth Grade

Curtis Adams, James Bell, *Lindsay Bregassy, Chad Blackburn, Merrika Brown, Travis Camilleri, Darryl Carrol, Gregory Clever, Janie Coursey, Dijon Deal, Samantha Elder, Jason Elwell, Matthew Gawne, Matthew Goley, Jillian Gray, Brittany Hampton, Octavia Hester, Ashley Horyn, Dawan Jackson, Danielle Keller, Corey Koch, Monet McCroan, Krystal McKay, Joy McWilliams, Travis Parker, Rolanda Peammon, Amber Pouncey, Jonathan Rafalski, John Sandefur, Robert Staffieri, Siera Stewart, Dennis Suiter, Brian Thiede, Stephanie Williams, and Lola Wynn.

Fifth Grade

LaToya Allen, Tiara Anderson, Bryan Ashby, Kristen Atchley, Horace Bains, *Brendon Boyd, *David Butzin, Justin Chapman, David Coyne, James Deline, Randi Ferree, Lakesha Fuller, Crystal Hahn, *Sapphire James, Myleah Jones, *Stephen Kish, *Jared Kozma, Candace Lawrence, Kyerra Naugles, Jeffery Ottenbreit, Candace Parsons, Brandon Patrick, *Michelle Patterson, *Shawn Perkins, Marlaine Polk, Philip Roscoe, Shaunta Simon, Tiffany Smith, *Paulette Stanford, *Matt Steffani, *Jamie Suiter, *Jessica Trahey, Lance Vaughn, and *Sara Ward.

Sixth Grade

*Natalie Blake, Brandon Blankenbaker, Steven Bostain, Charnita Butler, Kristina Camilleri, Amanda Cooper, Jessie Cox, *Rhianon Crawford, James Davis, Mary Elder, Lauren Fox, Sabrina Gomes, Christian Hadden, Danielle Hendricks, Bryan Hoehing, Candice Howell, Rashad Jackson, Brian Jezeirski, Adam Krug, Brittini Lansbury, Tremayne Matthews, Christopher Mills, Jujuan Mosby, Michael Polk, *Kristina Rafalski, Tiffney Ramsey, *Sara Schulz, Samantha Smith, Kevin Stickler, and Alyce Wesley.

Romulus Middle School

Seventh Grade

Sheila Adams, Paul Adkins, Shannon Allen, Christopher Anderson, Clint Bergum, Scott Blackburn, Kimberly Blankenship, De'Lano Boles, Katie Bolus, Amanda Boner, Ryan Boyd, Amanda Brewington, Laneisha Brown, Ronald Buckley, Tiffany Burrell, Taritonye Burutolu, Christopher Chesno, Brittney Clark, Angela Conradson, Meghan Conway, Carlos Crockett, Amanda Crosby, Leslie Dailey, Janeise Daniels, Christopher Davis, Sherri Davis, Eric Decker, Josephine Denys, Tiffany Dotson, Glen Farmer, Brenda Finley, Nicholas Gratiot, Sarah Gray, Della Hamby, Kelly Hardway, Tajhiya Harper, Shahidah Hasan, Megan Hatcher, Ryan Hawkins, Bradley Hindman, Bethany Hotchkiss, Curtis Jackson, Camorette James, Nabila Khan, Amanda Klages, Crystal Koch, Hilary Kozma, Jolene McBride, Andrew McNeil, Jason Messenger, Kelly Minner, Jesse Morris, Erica Ochs, Heather Patrick, Jesse Patterson, Leslie Perez, Randy Polk, Loretta Ransaw, Robert Rice, Donald Richison, Andrew Rodger, Jennifer Sattler, Aisha Siddiqui, Brandy Simonds, Miyon Smith, Tiffany Smith, Latoya Starr, Jill

Steffani, Jamie Stephens, Lawrence Stephens, Bethany Swauger, Laura Tanner, Natasha Tao, Karneill Toague, Matthew Thiede, Amy Thompson, Dennis Thompson, Brandon Varga, Kjersten Wesley, Jerry White, Javin Whitlow, Angela Williams, Cassandra Wilson, Shannon Winkles, Megan Woodrow, Mark Woody, Marquetta Wright, and Sherie Yharbough.

Eighth Grade

Shameah Abraham, Carrie Adams, Krista Alley, Sarah Barnard, Amber Barnes, Mark Barnes, Nicole Bills, Brittany Bingham, Shanelle Bishop, Chrystal Blair, Angela Bowdler, Amy Bowman, Sarah Breeding, Kristen Brooks, Rachel Broom, Michael Bruckner, Miranda Burns, Ebitari Burutolu, Elizabeth Caburet, Kelly Carroll, Roger Chapman, Jerry Clark, Lindsey Coleman, Jenny Cornelius, Leah Cotham, David Cox, Cortney Daniels, Richard Davidson, Jennifer Davis, Brandon Demoisey, Kenneth Dozier, Kendal Duncan, Stephanie Durtka, Jonathon Fisher, Deborah Fox, Michael Gauvin, Adam Gibbons, Akita Gibson,

Andrea Gibson, Jordan Goodman, Jerome Gray, Sarah Hall, Rahila Haq, Rizwan Haq, Jeremy Hendricks, Brandon Hicks, Ileana Hill, Frederick Hubbard, Deana Hunter, Krystal Jackson, Kevin Kendrick, Scott Kennedy, Tracy Lafehr, Gary Lee, Jasmine Mark, Andrea Marosan, Lonnie McCollum, Amelia McCray, Jazzmen Medley, Charmaine Miller, Christopher Moore, Tasha Mullins, Dana Noble, Jennifer Ottenbreit, Rubens Paillere, Erica Patterson, Nicole Perva, Arkeyta Porter, Stephen Potoczek, Antoinette Price, Amanda Rohde, DeJuan Rusan, Michael Sandusky, Charles Searcy, Kristen Singer, Antione Smith, Nicholas Smith, Nicole Starnes, Bridgette Stephens, Stephanie Stillwagon, Lakisha Talley, Melissa Thornton, Christina Tieppo, Kanetra Warren, Monica Watson, Ray Woodrow, Chianta Wyatt, David Wycaver, and Angela Zajac.

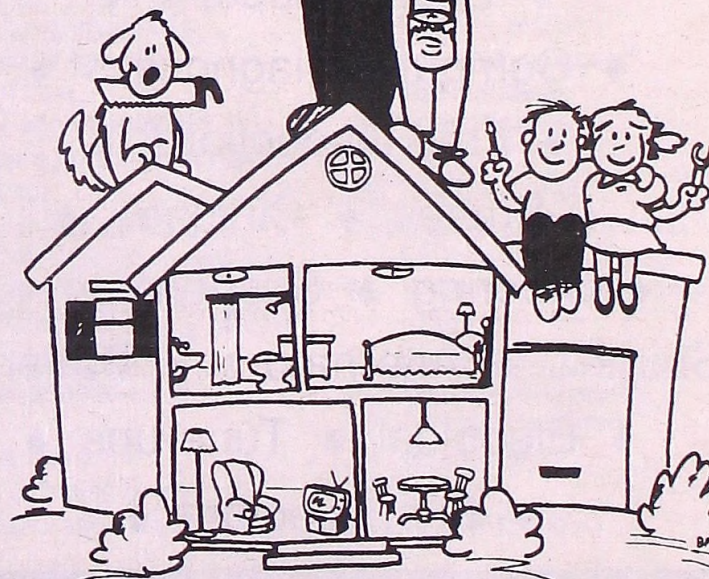
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REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 26, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held at Cory School on Monday, January 26, 1998 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Julie A. Oleszkowicz.

Roll call showed Member Webb absent. All Administrators were present. Member Webb entered the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Oleszkowicz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1/98/10 Moved by Gondek supported by Kesner to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1/98/11 Moved by Kesner supported by Berlinn to approve the Minutes of January 12 and 21, 1998 meetings as submitted. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

1/98/12 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn to approve the Retirement Resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools for Sandra Heinzelman. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, submitted the following personnel actions for Board approval: Marlisa Johnson, Math, Middle School, Effective 1/26/98; Kellie Knight, Sixth Grade, Merriman Elementary School, Effective 1/26/98; and Carmyn Walker, 4/5 Split, Cory Elementary School, Effective 1/26/98.

1/98/13 Moved by Gondek supported by Woods to approve the personnel actions as submitted. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

1/98/14 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lenossi to approve the Bills for Payment as submitted by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Refunding Bond Issue

1/98/15 Moved by Woods supported by Gondek to adopt the resolution to refund \$14,795,000 in bonds (2006-2010) maturity. Roll call showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Curriculum Reports

Mr. Earl Cornett presented the Preschool report to the Board of Education and responded to questions as posed by Members of the Board. Dr. Mary McGill and Messrs. Clark, Zaher, and Kidwell updated the Board of Education on the Social Studies curriculum at the Middle School and High School and responded to their questions.

Discussion of Seed Money for Boys/Girls Club

The Board authorized \$500 as seed money to the Boys/Girls Club to assist them in getting started.

State Board Resolution - Local Board Recognition

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, read the Resolution designating January as Board Recognition Month that was adopted by Governor John Engler.

Barons Update

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, updated the Board of Education on the Barons situation: 1) a letter from the State Police clearing us of the ridiculous fraud charges made by a Detroit representative, and 2) a letter indicating RESA must pay some of our legal fees. Mrs. Oleszkowicz and Mr. Berlinn also discussed their meeting with Senator Bennett.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience were present and discussed their concerns with the Board of Education as they relate to the operation of the School District.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items with the Board of Education: 1) McPharlin Article - Technology; and 2) North Central Accreditation Letter/Juriga and Coleman.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mr. Michael Woods stated that he would like to get everybody accredited by North Central Association.

Mr. Howard Kesner and everyone on the Board wants to have a contract.

Mrs. Julie Oleszkowicz congratulated Kathy Hurst on the Homeless Sleep-out at the High School.

Executive Session - Negotiations

1/98/16 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations and personnel matters. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:50 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:10 P.M.

1/98/17 Moved by Woods supported by Kesner to accept the agreement as signed by William Parker and Dr. Samuel B. La Monica on January 16, 1998. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

1/98/18 Moved by Kesner supported by Woods to accept the agreement as signed by Ann Scott and Dr. Samuel B. La Monica on January 14, 1998. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

1/98/19 Moved by Gondek supported by Woods that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty M. Lenossi, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

RMS Students Honored

Romulus Middle School teachers selected a total of 33 students to receive a "Student of the Month" award based on the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance during the month of January.

Students attending a brief ceremony in their honor received a certificate of achievement and a Romulus Middle School Bulldog ink pen; students' parents, who were also honored, received a Bulldog mug. Entertainment for the evening was provided by RMS students performing selections they played at the MSOBA Solo & Ensemble Festival. Kristen Brooks and Josephine Denys played a flute duet, a snare drum solo was performed by Della Hamby, and Rye Theriot and Loretta Ransaw played

a flute/clarinet duet. Life management classes provided the delicious refreshments for the ceremonies.

Congratulations to the following Students of the Month: Scott Blackburn, Rachel Broom, Brittney Clark, Carlos Crockett, Josephine Denys, Tiffany Dotson, John Eves, Jonathon Fisher, Kelly Hardway, Frederick Hubbard, Deana Hunter, Brittany Johnson, Jaspreet Kaur, Leah Lazenby, Bradley Lucas, Andrea Marosan, Lonnie McCollum, Amelia McCray, Jacob Mercado, Steven Moore, Jennifer Ottenbreit, Karvens Paillere, Tony Penn, Arkeyta Porter, Andrea Shomo, Terri Speer, Lawrence Stephens, Tavish Stone, Brandon Varga, Samantha Vaughn, Javin Whitlow, Mark Woody, and Marquetta Wright. □



January's Students of the Month at Romulus Middle School.

RHS Students Honored

Romulus High School teachers selected a total of 25 students to receive January's "Student of the Month" award based on the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance. Students attending a brief ceremony in their honor received a certificate of achievement and, thanks to local sponsors, a \$50 U.S. savings bond.

Congratulations to the following Students of the Month: Mubbenna Ahmad, Richard Angel, David Bullock, Laneda Davis (Athlete of the Month), Renee Ervin, Jennifer Finch, Dezzerra Freeman, Candace Gibson, Patreece Giles, Travis Hadyniak, Brandon Hindman, Amy Hudson, Danielle Judy, Ruby Lee, Mandy Pate, Amanda Patterson, Eric Renner, Tanisha Ridout, Julia Robinson, Amaris Smith, Norman Trotter, Jasmine Trumble, Kris Weimer, Charlene Winters, and Rashad Woods.

Romulus High School Principal Melvin Kimbrough also would like to thank the following sponsors for being Romulus High School's partners in education: Environ, Inc.; Highway Maintenance; Romulus Community Schools employees (Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent of Schools; Louise Briody; Tom Dolan; Joel Carr; Dr. Samuel B. La Monica; Art McPharlin; and Maryann Tyrchniewicz); Romulus Flowers; Romulus Progressive Club; Saw & Specialty Corporation; Total Petroleum, Inc.; Trans-Overseas Corp.; and United Brass Manufacturers. □

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Free Tax Service for Seniors

From now through April 15, AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) volunteers will be available (by appointment only) at the Romulus Senior Center each Wednesday from 12 to 3:30 p.m. to assist low- and moderate-income Romulus seniors with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040, home-heating, prescription, and property-tax forms.

A list of materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration. For more information, please contact the Center.

"Bingo" Transportation Offered

The Romulus Progressive Hall, in cooperation with the City of Romulus, will continue to offer affordable (free this month; \$1.50 per evening beginning in March) transportation service to seniors who wish to attend the club's weekly bingo games, held each Tuesday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Pickups will be made at the following locations/times each week: Romulus Senior Center (5:15 p.m.), Romulus Tower (5:25 p.m.), and Whispering Willows (5:35 p.m.). For more information, please call John Hadyniak (941-8968) or Bob Presler (941-2959) after 5 p.m.

Paczki

Make the most of Fat Tuesday's excuse to splurge on February 24, when the Romulus Senior Center will serve fresh paczki ("poonchies") – two to a customer – and hot coffee from 9 to 10 a.m. Cost is \$1. Sign up at the Center.

Museum Tour

In honor of Black History Month, the Romulus Senior Center has planned a tour through Detroit's Museum of African-American History on Thursday, February 26, beginning at 10:30 a.m. A cost of \$5 covers transportation, parking, and admission. Sign up at the Center.

Out To Sea

This month's \$2 movie at the Senior Center – *Out To Sea*, starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau – will be shown on the Center's big-screen TV at 1 p.m. on Friday, February 27. Refreshments will be served.

Craft Class

Learn how to use paper doilies, wrapping paper, magazine clippings, and family photos to create beautiful keepsake plates! Cost for this one-day class – to be held at the Romulus Recreation building at 1 p.m. on Friday, February 27 – is just \$1 (plus supplies). Sample crafts and materials lists are available at the Center. Preregistration is required.

Lunch Out

Enjoy lunch out when the Senior Center van travels to Ryan's Steak House on Friday, February 27. Sign up at the Center.

Crime Watch

Officer Joe Richardson of the Romulus Police Department will be on hand at the Senior Center at 9 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, for the Center's monthly Crime Watch program. As always, safety tips and other crucial information will be discussed.

Toning To Tape

The Romulus Senior Center invites those who are interested in looking and feeling better to make use of the Richard Simmons "Silver Foxes" exercise video, available for play at the Center every weekday from 9 to 9:45 a.m., and during some afternoons as well.

The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before beginning.

Free Blood-pressure Readings

GranCare Home Health invites local seniors to stop in at the Romulus Senior Center at 1 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month for a free blood-pressure check and a chance to "ask the nurse" questions regarding medications, preventive health alternatives, disease processes, etc. (Next date: March 2.)

Center Offers Transportation Service

Round-trip transportation service within the Romulus city limits is available to local seniors each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fee of just \$1. Reservations must be made by 2 p.m. the day before. Call 942-6852.

Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); and pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.). □

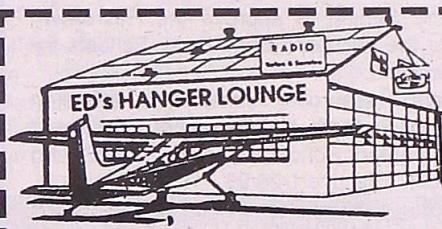
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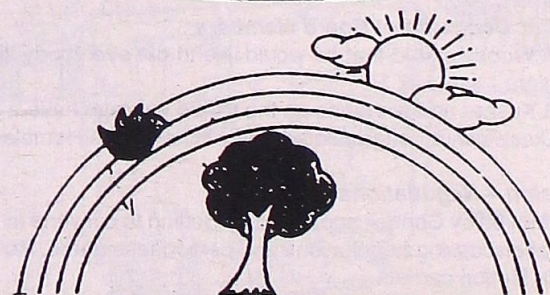
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Obituaries

Raymond F. Dziedzic, Sr.

Raymond F. Dziedzic, Sr., of Romulus, Michigan, died on Tuesday, February 10, 1998. He was 83 years old.

The Webb Forging retiree and member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church was born in Detroit, Michigan, on July 25, 1914.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Hedy Ann "Hattie" (Dziobak) Dziedzic; one son, Walter W. Dziedzic (Belleville, MI); one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Mary) Kittle (North Adams, MI); two brothers, Frank and Alex Kajder; four sisters, Mrs. Clara Block (St. Clair, MI), Mrs. Helen Toton (St. Clair, MI), Mrs. Frances

Osterland (Marine City, MI), and Mrs. Jack (Rose) McCormick (Marine City, MI); and 10 grandchildren. He was predeceased by one son, four brothers, and two sisters.

Funeral services were held on Friday, February 13, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Richard Thomson officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made in the form of mass cards or to St. Aloysius Church.

Clement M. Greca

Clement M. Greca of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, February 3, 1998, at the age of 61.

Born July 21, 1936, the Romulus native was a member of the Tri-County Sportsmen's League and the Moose Club (Belleville, MI).

Surviving Clement are his wife, Donna J. Greca; his mother, Mrs. Helen F. Greca; two sons, Steve Greca (Romulus, MI) and Tony (and his wife Lisa) Greca (Romulus, MI); two daughters, Mrs. Randy (Linda) Cobb (Van Buren Township, MI) and Mrs. Kenny (Cheryl) Kamin (Fowlerville, MI); three brothers, Art (and his wife Barbara) Greca (Ro-

mulus, MI), Fred (and his wife Evelyn) Greca (Newberry, MI), and Val (and his wife Neena) Greca (Milan, MI); one sister, Mrs. Rodger (Loretta) Robinett (Daly City, CA); and nine grandchildren. His father, Clement M. Greca, predeceased him.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 7, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Father Alexander Wyrwal (St. Stephen Catholic Church, New Boston, MI) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to any charitable organization.

Edith Mae (Kaisner) McLeod

Edith Mae (Kaisner) McLeod of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, died on Sunday, February 1, 1998. She was 84 years old.

A member of the Campers & Hikers Association and the Romulus Senior Citizens Center, Edith was born in Curtis, Michigan, on December 30, 1913.

She is survived by four sons, Charles McLeod (Barbeau, MI), Stewart (and his wife Betty) McLeod (Fenton, MI), Cecil McLeod (Dunnellon, FL), and Thomas (and his wife Sandra) McLeod (Williamsburg, VA); two brothers, George Kaisner (Sault Ste. Marie, MI) and Charles Kaisner (Bothel, WA); three sisters, Bertha Osborn (Sault Ste. Marie, MI), Dorothy Haggerty (Sacramento, CA), and Marie Guthrie (Weaversville,

CA); 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. Her husband, Mahlon McLeod, predeceased her.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 7, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Pastor Doug Corone (Bethany Baptist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to the Hospice of Chippewa County. □



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